

The Examiner states with respect to claim 9 (applicable to the independent claims) that Kajita et al. disclose the claimed invention, and in particular, through the use of logical channels and the normal communication, the ability to respond to a plurality of requests simultaneously (citing col. 11, lines 36-44 and col. 12, lines 13-23). The Examiner further states on page 4 of the Office Action that the parallel processing between the host and the printer inherently uses a plurality of logical channels. Applicants respectfully traverse this assertion.

The print system according to the present invention can respond to a plurality of requests from a plurality of devices simultaneously (e.g., reception of the print status can be done during the local copy) by adopting both a plurality of logical channels communication and normal communication, especially, at least one data flow between the host and the printer consisting of plurality of logical channels.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner acknowledges that Kajita et al. does not explicitly disclose a plurality of logical channels. Further, Applicants note that the parallel processing suggested in Kajita et al. can be performed without use of a plurality of logical channels, such as using a plurality of signal lines. Thus, it is also not inherent to use a plurality of logical channels to perform the parallel processing of Kajita et al. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Kajita et al. fails to disclose (either explicitly or implicitly) the logical channels, let alone a combination of the plurality of logical channels and a normal communication.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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